

B-504/4

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled CRYSTALLIZATION METHOD OF HIGHLY STABLE CRYSTALS OF ASPARTAME DERIVATIVE the specification of which was filed on November 1, 1999 as PCT International Application Number PCT/JP99/06082.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 (a) - (d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, or Section 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application(s)

			Priority Claimed	
310225/98 (Number)	Japan (Country)	30/October/98 (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
310226/98 (Number)	Japan (Country)	30/October/98 (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

Norman F. Oblon, Reg. No. 24,618; Marvin J. Spivak, Reg. No. 24,913; C. Irvin McClelland, Reg. No. 21,124; Gregory J. Maier, Reg. No. 25,599; Arthur I. Neustadt, Reg. No. 24,854; Richard D. Kelly, Reg. No. 27,757; James D. Hamilton, Reg. No. 28,421; Eckhard H. Kuesters, Reg. No. 28,870; Robert T. Pous, Reg. No. 29,099; Charles L. Gholz, Reg. No. 26,395; William E. Beaumont, Reg. No. 30,996; Jean-Paul Lavallee, Reg. No. 31,451; Stephen G. Baxter, Reg. No. 32,884; Richard L. Treanor, Reg. No. 36,379; Steven P. Weihrouch, Reg. No. 32,829; John T. Goolkasian, Reg. No. 26,142; Richard L. Chinn, Reg. No. 34,305; Steven E. Lipman, Reg. No. 30,011; Carl E. Schlier, Reg. No. 34,426; James J. Kulbaski, Reg. No. 34,648; Richard A. Neifeld, Reg. No. 35,299; J. Derek Mason, Reg. No. 35,270; Surinder Sachar, Reg. No. 34,423; Jeffrey B. McIntrye, Reg. No. 36,867; William T. Enos, Reg. No. 33,128; Michael E. McCabe, Jr., Reg. No. 37,182; Bradley D. Lytle, Reg. No. 40,073; and Michael R. Casey, Reg. No. 40,294, with full powers of substitution and revocation.

Send Correspondence to:

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT P.C.

FOURTH FLOOR

1755 JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22202 U.S.A.

Direct Telephone Calls to: (703) 413-3000

Full name of first joint inventor: Shigeru KAWAHARA

Inventor's signature

Date

Residence: c/o Aminoscience Laboratories, Ajinomoto Co., Inc., 1-1, Suzuki-cho, Kawasaki-ku,

Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa-ken 210-8681 JAPAN

Citizenship: Japan

Post Office Address: same as the above residence.

Full name of second joint inventor: Akihiro KISHISHITA

Inventor's signature

Date _____

Residence: c/o Aminoscience Laboratories, Ajinomoto Co., Inc., 1-1, Suzuki-cho, Kawasaki-ku,

Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa-ken 210-8681 JAPAN

Citizenship in Japan

Post Office Address: same as the above residence

300 Full name of third joint inventor: Kazutaka NAGASHIMA

Inventor's signature

Date

Kazutaka Nagashima

June 11, 2001

Residence: c/o Aminoscience Laboratories, Ajinomoto Co., Inc., 1-1, Suzuki-cho, Kawasaki-ku,
Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa-ken 210-8681 JAPAN JPX

Citizenship: Japan

Post Office Address: same as the above residence.

Full name of forth joint inventor: Tadashi TAKEMOTO

400 Inventor's signature

Date

Tadashi Takemoto

June 11, 2001

Residence: c/o Aminoscience Laboratories, Ajinomoto Co., Inc., 1-1, Suzuki-cho, Kawasaki-ku,
Kawasaki-shi, Kanagawa-ken 210-8681 JAPAN JPX

Citizenship: Japan

Post Office Address: same as the above residence.